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TO: System Test Coordinators/School Principals/Authorized Representatives  
FROM: Judy Snow, State Assessment Director  
DATE: February 2010  
RE: Non-Participation of Students on the Spring 2010 CRT or CRT-Alternate

Both the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) require that all students participate in statewide assessments. This includes all students who receive special education services no matter what their disability or level of service. All students, including students with IEPs, enrolled at the time of statewide testing must be accounted for when the assessment results are reported to the Department of Education (ED) and calculated for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations.

The ED recognizes that there may be circumstances beyond the control of the school which can prevent a student from participating in the assessment. The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is required to report to the ED the reason for each student, including students with IEPs, who does not participate in the state-level assessment. These reasons do not represent options for not having a student participate; rather, they are a method to report why, despite the school's best efforts, a student was not able to participate. AYP requirements and calculation will still apply.

Attached is a worksheet for you to use for your record-keeping. All students, including students with IEPs, enrolled March 9, 2010 who did not participate in any portion of the 2010 CRT or CRT-Alternate should be listed on this worksheet which includes spaces for the student name, state student ID, the grade, subject (s) and the reason (s) the student did not participate.

The OPI will provide instructions for entering this information online. This worksheet is for your ongoing record-keeping during test administration. It is to be used only for non-participating students enrolled during your testing window and does not replace the voided barcode label form.

In the event you need space for more students, please copy the form and staple additional pages as needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have questions, please contact:

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